

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gladys Utterback was born on July 14, 1901, to Robert and Alma Utterback at Hannibal, Missouri, the second to the youngest of eight children; and,

Whereas, Gladys attended school through the 10th grade in Monroe City, Missouri, and carries fond memories of picking black berries by the gallons, transporting them to town, and selling them, as well as raising and selling white rabbits; and,

Whereas, At the age of 16, Gladys attended a barn dance and had the good fortune of meeting a nice gentleman by the name of Orval O'Daniel, they "danced the night away", and considered that to be their first date; however, their romance was placed on hold as Orval was drafted to serve in World War I and their relationship was forced to continue through the mail for 3 years; and,

Whereas, Upon Orval's return from the War, Gladys married Orval on September 2, 1919, and settled on a small farm where they started their life journey together, but in 1922, they moved to a farm near Redfield, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Gladys and Orval gave life and love to seven children, and while nurturing their children toward adulthood they worked side-by-side on a hay baling crew taking the children with them to the fields; and,

Whereas, In 1946, they left the farm and moved to Rapid City where Gladys worked as a cook at the historic Keystone Café until her retirement at the age of 79 when she moved to Portland, Oregon; and,

Whereas, Gladys now resides at Beverly Healthcare Black Hills and will observe her 103rd Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on July 14, 2004, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2004, as

GLADYS O'DANIEL DAY


in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State